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TO : Chief, Records Management Staff

DATE: 15 January 1957

FROM : Acting Chief, Real Estate and
Construction Division

SUBJECT: Addition to Storage Building, [REDACTED]

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1. As requested, this office has reviewed the subject project with the thought of reducing it in size to meet the present immediate requirements and yet meet the intent of the president's recent request to reduce new construction.

2. This project consists of a two-story storage building with a basement to contain mechanical equipment. The size, shape, and location was determined and based upon your requirements submitted to us, and with the idea that this addition would be an increment of the ultimate structure which envisioned further future increments. A reduction in the presently contemplated increment would be a further subincrementing.

3. With the present construction plans completed, the only feasible way to reduce this unit without several months delay would be to omit the upper story, building only the basement and first floor. This would necessitate a revision of the present plans. Where the full two-story project was estimated to cost \$394,161.00, the omitting of the second floor would make the project cost approximately \$323,000.00 or 82 per cent of the first cost to obtain half of the original storage space requirements. This method of reducing the project would least affect the time schedule for its completion by 15 October 1957. The time required for revision of plans would be offset by a shorter construction period. To construct the upper story in the future, assuming prices remain the same, would cost an estimated amount of \$112,500.00. Therefore, adding this to the \$323,000.00 cost would make an ultimate total cost of \$435,500.00, instead of the present total of \$394,161.00, a 11 per cent increase.

4. Any other approach to the problem of reducing the project would require a complete redesign and restudy of the situation and new drawings developed which could result in a loss of time, extending into six months or more. On such an approach, the cost of the present plans and specifications (\$18,000.00) would be lost, and an additional cost for new plans and specifications incurred.

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